



## LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

### Shared Visions Programs

#### → Historical Perspective

- In 1988, the Iowa Legislature established IAC 256A creating the Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) and funding for Shared Visions Preschool Programs.
- In 1989, IAC 279.51 was passed supporting the establishment of an early childhood specialist network within area education agencies as well as the Shared Visions Parent Support Programs.
- Between fiscal year 1989 and 1995, the Iowa Department of Education developed rules and implemented a grant process establishing the programs.
- The mission of the Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) is to advocate for Iowa's children and families and support model comprehensive child development and parent support programs for at-risk children and their families.
- The members of the CDCC hold these beliefs:
  - High-quality early childhood programs help children become successful adults.
  - Children are best served in a developmentally appropriate program.
  - Comprehensive quality programs provide services to assist families toward self-sufficiency and productivity.
  - Provision of high quality early childhood programs can result in:
    - fewer children requiring special education services
    - more students graduating from high school
    - more students attending college or job training
    - more youth/young adults becoming employed
    - more employees experiencing satisfaction with work
    - fewer persons arrested for criminal acts, violence, and minor offenses
    - fewer teenagers giving birth
    - fewer persons receiving public assistance

#### → Overview

- The state appropriation is a Standing Appropriation and not from the Education Appropriation Subcommittee.
- There are no federal funds that are dependent on the state appropriation.
- The state appropriation supports the Shared Visions Parent Program, the Shared Visions Preschool Program, the Early Childhood Network (ECN), and the Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC).
- The CDCC advises and assists the Iowa Department of Education regarding the administration and implementation of state funded at-risk programs for children ages birth to five.
- The ECN staff (1/2 FTE per AEA) provides consulting, coordination, and professional development support for general education early childhood teachers and building administrators; assists with implementation of evidence-based curriculum, assessment and instruction; and supports the use of the *Teaching Strategies* GOLD Online Assessment System.
- The Iowa Department of Education administers two programs: The Shared Visions Parent Support Program provides educational support services to parents of at-risk children, birth to age 3. The Shared Visions Preschool Program provides a comprehensive quality preschool program experience for at-risk children ages 3, 4, and 5.



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#### → Summary of Programs Supported by State Appropriation

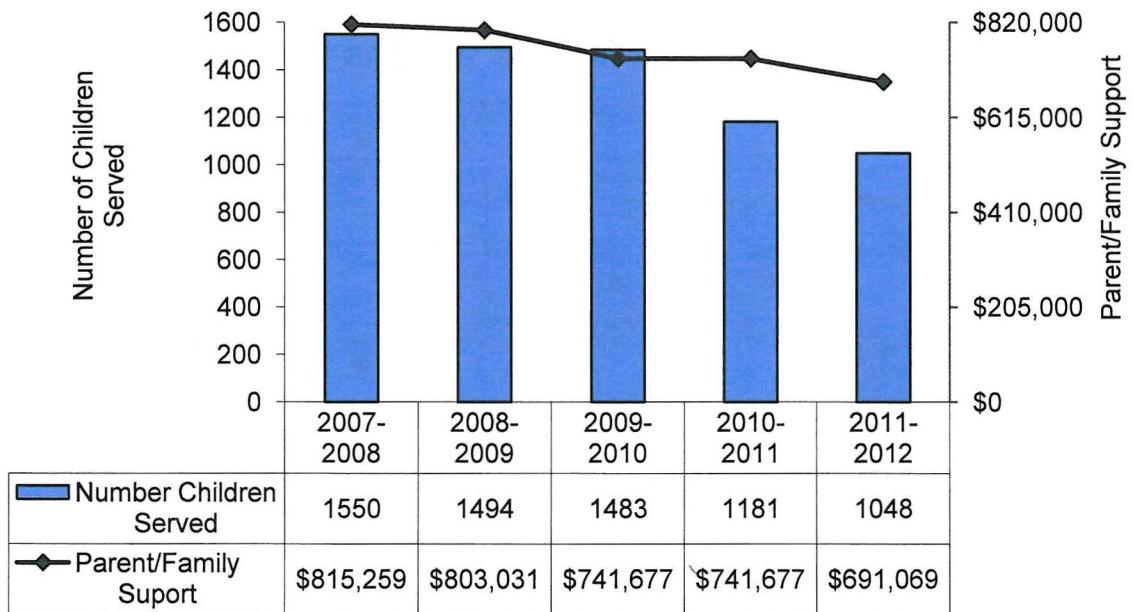
Program Supported by State Appropriation	SFY 2013 Funding	Program Information
<b>Child Development Coordinating Council</b>	\$7,236,303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required per Iowa Code 256A</li> <li>• Minimum of four Council meetings per year</li> </ul>
<b>Shared Visions Parent Support Program</b>	\$691,069 (part of the CDCC total)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves families with children birth to age 3</li> <li>• Based on income at or below 125% of the federal poverty guideline or other at-risk factors</li> <li>• Approximately 90% of children qualify based on income guidelines</li> <li>• Currently supports 9 grantees and 9 programs across the state of Iowa</li> <li>• Annual reports from programs indicated 234 income eligible children on waiting lists</li> </ul>
<b>Shared Visions Preschool Program</b>	\$6,540,233 (part of the CDCC total)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves children ages 3 to 5</li> <li>• No fewer than 80% of enrolled children must be at or below 130% of the federal poverty guideline</li> <li>• No more than 20% of enrolled children may be enrolled based on other at-risk factors</li> <li>• NAEYC Accreditation is required</li> <li>• 1:8 Ratio</li> <li>• GOLD Online Assessment*</li> <li>• Annual In-kind Match of 20%</li> <li>• Currently supports 101 programs statewide</li> <li>• Annual reports from programs indicated 1,234 income eligible children on waiting lists</li> </ul> <p><b>*Note:</b> \$5,000 of CDCC funding supports cost of state license; reduces cost per-child for using the GOLD Online Assessment System.</p>
<b>Early Childhood Network</b>	\$233,840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governed by Iowa Code 279.51</li> <li>• Supports one-half time (FTE) early childhood specialists from each Area Education Agency who provide technical assistance to early childhood programs within their region</li> <li>• Mission is to promote the optimal development and education of all young children by providing leadership and support collaborative efforts between families, schools, and communities</li> </ul>



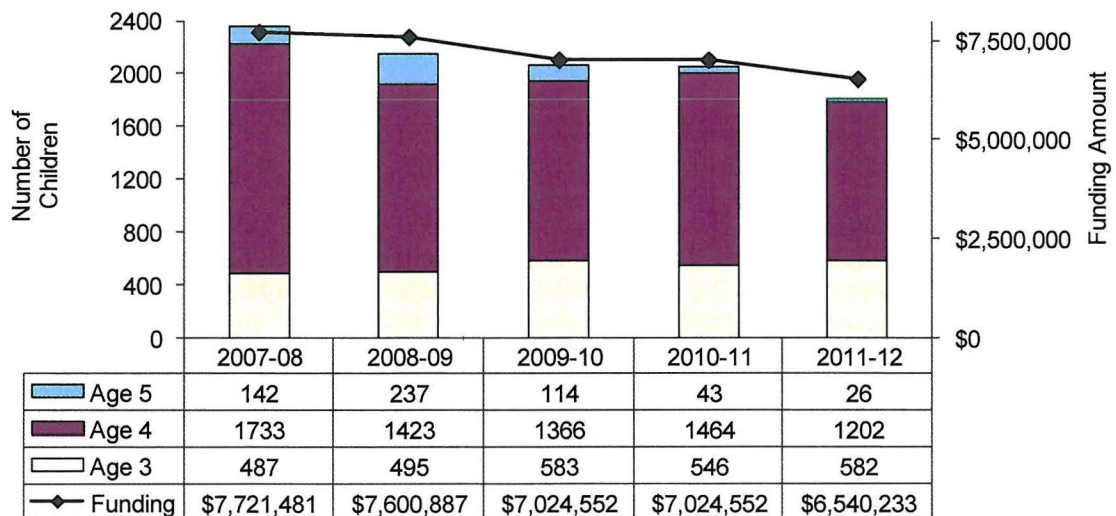
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- Annual Funding and Number of Children Served by Shared Visions Parent Support Programs



- Annual Funding and Age Breakdown of Children Served in Shared Visions Preschool Programs



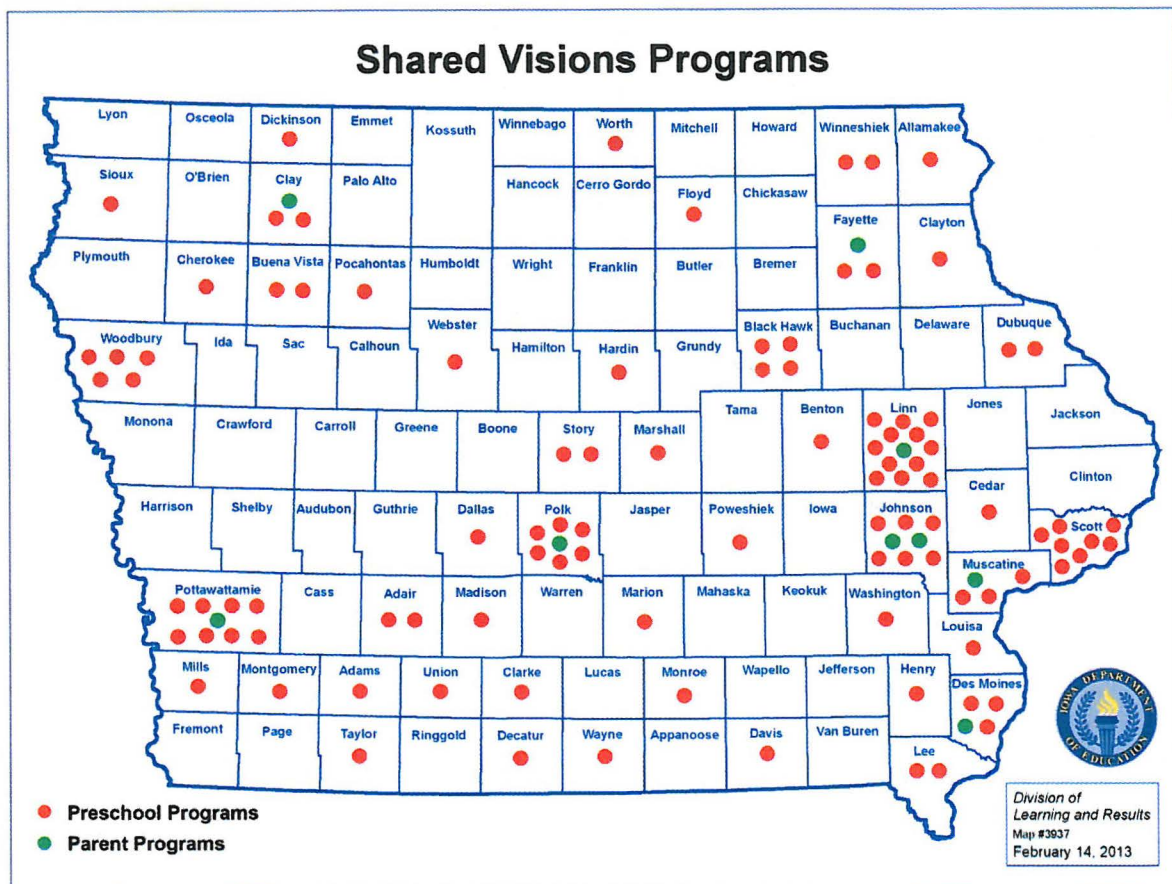




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### Shared Visions Programs

- Awarded Program Locations



#### → Current Issues

- Meeting the needs of children and families on the waiting lists.
- For Shared Visions Parent Support Programs, support to achieve accreditation through either a nationally recognized accreditation process or the Iowa Family Support credential.
- For Shared Visions Preschool Programs, professional development in the areas of assessment and the implementation of *Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment System* to include the completion of *Teaching Strategies GOLD Inter-rater Reliability Certification*.
- Approximately 91% of the total funding for Shared Visions Preschool Programs is used for salaries and benefits. Other program support would be beneficial in the areas of staff training, instructional supplies and equipment, NAEYC Accreditation, implementation of the GOLD Online Assessment System, as well as other program costs.

#### → The SFY12 CDCC Shared Visions Annual Report may be found at:

[http://www.educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=645&Itemid=2818](http://www.educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=645&Itemid=2818)